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Date: March 13, 2000 sis a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISTRIBUTING. INTERPRETING, AND STORING HETEROGENEOUS CERTIFICATES IN A HOMOGENOUS PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE Rut a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration. This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers: An abstract together with 19 pages of specification and claims including 18 numbered claims and also attached is/are sheets of accompanying drawings. This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s): Application No. Country **Filing Date** respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s): Application No. Filing Date respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached. This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. $\Pi \Box$ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a \(\subseteq \text{continuation} \subseteq \subseteq \text{division} \) continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application,--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. , filed Provisional Application No. , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee. Also attached. Inventor: Joseph Salowey Α. U.S.A. (first) (last) MI (citizenship) Residence: (city) Seattle (state/country) Washington Post Office Address: 612 NW 47th Street, Seattle, Washington (Zip Code) 98107 2. Inventor: (first) MΙ (last) (citizenship) Residence: (city) (state/country) Post Office Address: (Zip Code) NOTE: FOR ADDITIONAL INVENTORS, check box
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